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TOPIC 1. Ammunition Depot at Torgau

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2. Ammunition Depot at Mockrehna

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Torgau-Zinna.

1. On 18 May 1951, there was a great deal of vehicular traffic on the road from Zinna to the ammunition depot at Torgau. An ammunition train of 52 cars stood at the Torgau railroad station, headed toward the ammunition depot. The depot was heavily guarded by a German Volkspolizei unit which was quartered in a hutment outside the depot area. *
2. Prior to 27 May, a Soviet unit of about 180 men, commanded by a major, guarded the ammunition depot at Torgau and supervised about 140 Germans who worked there. The unit arrived at Torgau from Gadebusch, Land Mecklenburg, at the end of 1949 and, according to statements of the soldiers, consisted exclusively of military prisoners. Most of them were artillerymen and were natives of Byelorussia or the Ukraine. The unit was equipped with about 35 trucks. The exterior of the depot was guarded by a German Volkspolizei unit of about 130 police who were commanded by VP Rat Steinbrecher, (fmu). VP Oberkommissar Troeger, (fmu), was the PK officer of the unit. The police were quartered in a camp adjacent to the southeastern corner of the depot. **
3. It was learned that 105-mm, 122-mm, 150-mm, 172-mm and 210-mm artillery shells of German and Soviet origin were being reconditioned at the depot. Each shell had a fuze. Ammunition stored at the depot included: armor-piercing shells, German and Soviet infantry ammunition, explosives, detonators and a small number of 500-kg bombs. Ammunition was issued to Soviet units, including units in Delitzsch, Eilenburg and a tank unit in Taucha, and to German Volkspolizei units.

Mockrehna.

4. It was learned that the ammunition depot at Mockrehna issued artillery and infantry ammunition to Soviet units and German Volkspolizei units. The depot was guarded by a Volkspolizei unit which was commanded by VP Oberkommissar Tolle, (fmu), and whose PK officer was VP Rat Marek, (fmu). ***

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The information refers to the large Soviet ammunition depot at Torgau-Zinna, 3 km west of Torgau, which is a former German Army installation and has a storage capacity of 20,000 metric tons. [REDACTED] X1A

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. This is the second report stating that the Soviet guard unit there is a penal unit. [REDACTED]

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The information confirms a previous report stating that German Volkspolizei
guarded the exterior of the ammunition depot. 25X1A

25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment. The ammunition depot at Mockrehna is a former German Air
Force ammunition depot, where the stockpile is predominantly captured
German ammunition. [REDACTED]

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